

incorporating at least some of the data of the first object into the second object at a beginning of an access to the second object.

4. (New) The programming device according to claim 3, wherein the software tool deposits at least one data group of the data of the first object into the second object so that at the beginning of the access to the second object, the software tool does not incorporate the at least one data group of the first object into the second object.

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment cancels, without prejudice, claims 1 and 2 in the underlying PCT Application No. PCT/DE99/01253, and adds new claims 3 and 4. The new claims, inter alia, conform the claims to U.S. Patent and Trademark Office rules and do not add new matter to the application.

The above amendments to the specification and the abstract are, inter alia, to conform the specification and the abstract to U.S. Patent and Trademark Office rules and to correct informalities. The amendments to the specification and the abstract do not add new matter.

The underlying PCT Application No. PCT/DE99/01253 includes an International Search Report, dated November 29, 1999. The Search Report includes a list of documents that were uncovered in the underlying PCT Application. A copy of the Search Report is included herewith.

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter

of the present application is new, non-obvious, and useful.
Prompt consideration and allowance of the application are
respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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